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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT  
OF HEART DISEASE BASED ON  
CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY



Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: M. Borin

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action dated April 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6 and 8 as follows:

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6. (Amended) A method for treatment of [heart disease based on] cardiac hypertrophy by reducing heart weight not based on diuretic and hypotensive effects comprising administering a substance that acts on [the] guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide receptor [, guanylyl cyclase A,] and is able to accelerate production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate, to a subject in need of such treatment in an amount effective for treating said [heart disease] cardiac hypertrophy.